



Coordinators' Communique

State Health Plan Prevention Partners

April/May 2002

Dear Prevention Partners Coordinator:

2002 Spring Wellness Walk

It's that time of year again! Time to lace up those walking shoes and take part in the 2002 Prevention Partners Spring Wellness Walk. This year's walk is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2002. Our Prevention Partners' kick-off site will be at the scenic Riverfront Park in Columbia. As in year's past, this year's walk will feature lots of snacks and door prize donations from local businesses and we'll also have one of Columbia's top radio stations providing music to keep things festive. Your walk packet is provided in this mailout, so be sure to order your certificates, posters, and T-shirts as soon as possible. If you have not received your walk packet and materials or have questions regarding the walk, please contact Prevention Partners at (803) 737-3820.

Changes

Last year the Office of Insurance Services was dissolved, and Prevention Partners is now part of the Employee Insurance Program. While there have been many changes, your Prevention Partners' staff and programming have remained the same. Below is a listing of our staff, along with our phone numbers and our new email addresses.

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And don't forget that Prevention Partners has a new home. We are still in the SouthTrust Building (formerly the Affinity Building), but our offices are now in Suite 830. So if you plan on stopping by or are sending anything to us, please remember this change. Our new address is as follows: Prevention Partners, 1201 Main Street, Suite 830, Columbia, SC 29201.

Preventive Worksite Regional Screenings

For those who would like to participate in one of our regional screenings, the next two scheduled dates are as follows:

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| • April 17, 2002 | Columbia | SouthTrust Building |
| • May 15, 2002 | Spartanburg | Spartanburg Tech |

Registration forms can be obtained from our website, www.eip.state.sc.us. For more information or to have a registration form faxed to you, contact Elliott McElveen at (803) 737-0112.

Public Health Month

The South Carolina Public Health Association is kicking off this year's Public Health Month with a reception to be held Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at the Richland County Adult Activity Center, 7494 Parklane Road from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Activities at the event include blood pressure checks, children's activities and recognition of statewide health contest award winners. The public is encouraged to attend.

Public Health Month was established as a way to recognize the contributions of public health and prevention services to South Carolina's well being. Public health services work to prevent epidemics and the spread of disease, protect against environmental hazards, prevent injuries, promote and encourage healthy behaviors, respond to disasters and assists communities in recovery, and assures the quality and accessibility of health services. This month-long event focuses public attention on state, community, and individual efforts.

The SCPHA is a statewide organization for public health professionals. The purpose and goal of the association is to protect and promote personal, community, and environmental health, to exercise leadership in health policy development, to provide a forum for matters pertaining to public health, and to foster scientific and professional development among its members. For more information on the South Carolina Public Health Association, please contact Lavell Thornton at (803) 898-0811.

Self-Care Handbook

Enclosed in this mailout you will find a brochure for our new self-care handbook, *Health at Home*. This easy to use reference guide, which covers over 200 health related topics, will turn your bookshelf into a health information center and help you determine if its ok to treat yourself at home and how to do so or if its time to see a doctor. We buy these books in bulk so we can pass the savings on to you. *Health at Home* can be purchased through Prevention Partners for the discounted price of just \$7.35. To order, please see the enclosed brochure or materials order form, or call our office at (803) 737-3820.

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